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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )  
MATSUMOTO et al. )  
Serial No. 09/818,743 )  
Filed: March 27, 2001 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND )  
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Group Art Unit: 2812  
Examiner: Ghyka, George Alexander

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated Nov. 29, 2002, the response due date being due by Monday, March 31, 2003 (March 29 was a Saturday) by the enclosed petition for a one month extension of time, please enter and consider the following.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on lines 6-10 of page 1 and insert the following in its place:

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--Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-086607, filed March 27, 2000, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/817,935 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice

Please amend claims 9-13, 15 and 17-20 as follows:

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